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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this Petition and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,

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JENS MULLER, PETER URBAN, REGINA WEZEL, KEVIN M. COLBOW and JIUJUN ZHANG SERIAL NO. 09/256,386 FILED: February 24, 1999 FOR: DIRECT DIMETHYL ETHER FUEL CELLS GROUP ART UNIT: 1745 EXAMINER: Dah-Wei D. Yuan

PATENT APPLICATION OF:

PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, the applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated December 27, 2002. An Amendment and Request for Reconsideration are submitted herewith.

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Please charge the amount of \$410.00 to cover the fee for an extension of time in the second month (large entity). Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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